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FRISCO, TX – The Frisco Police Department's <u>Traffic Unit</u> recently released the results of their Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) program for 2010 that illustrated the department's crackdown on state and federal violations related to commercial vehicles operating in the <u>City of Frisco</u>. In 2010, the Traffic Unit conducted 274 inspections of commercial motor vehicles, which resulted in 1,213 violations, 172 citations issued, 75 trucks taken off the road, and 44 hazardous materials trucks inspected.

The importance of the CVE program in Frisco cannot be understated, as the abundance of commercial vehicles operating on the city's roadways has continued to increase as growth and construction within the city limits continues. Overloaded trucks that exceed weight restrictions or those with faulty equipment are serious safety concerns for motorists who share the roadways.

On December 17, 2010, an overweight and oversized truck closed down southbound Dallas Parkway from Gaylord Parkway to SH-121 for over three hours after becoming stuck on the roadway. Traffic investigators cited the fact that the truck was grossly overweight, too wide and tall, and without proper permitting to operate safely. The Traffic Unit's stepped up enforcement that cites or sometimes removes unsafe commercial vehicles from the roads helps to reduce the chances of similar incidents from occurring.

The <u>Frisco Police Department</u> will continue to actively enforce commercial vehicle laws in 2011 as part of the Traffic Unit's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program. The department began the program in 2008 and became certified in 2009 after extensive training by the unit's personnel with the Texas Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Division.

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